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| S/N | SECTIONS | PROVISIONS | OBSERVATIONS |
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| 1 | Section 3(4) | " A member of the council may cease membership if the member" | It is recommended as part of this section that: a. Death, b. The substitution of an individual representing an agency on the board should also be provided for. |
| 2 | Section 14 (b) | ... where an applicant is finally refused a refugee status, he shall be given reasonable time..." | The interpretation of reasonable time should be given a more specific duration in the bill. Presumably, the committee may consider a time frame between 6 months to 18 months. |
| 3 | Section 15 (1) | ..., no person who is a refugee within the meaning of this bill shall be refused entry into Nigeria..." | Within the meaning of refugees contemplated by this section, it should expressly exclude known terrorist or people who are known to have ties to terrorist organizations and or persons capable of causing a breach of the national and territorial integrity of Nigeria. |

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| 4 | Section 20(1) Section 20(4) | ..., within 7 days of being notified of such withdrawal, appeal in writing to the Secretary.." | A time frame increase from 7 days to 14 days should be considered so as to create ample time to appeal the decision of the Director General. This import of this sub-section should be increased from 7 days to 14 days. This also gives ample time to take further steps. |
| 5 | Section 29 | ...not later than 30th June | The proper section should be spelt out as 30th June in each year. |